

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SUPREME COURT

ADVISORY OPINION TO RECOMMEND THAT NATIONAL PAN- HELLENIC COUNCIL BE GRANTED A SENATE SEAT

Speaker Adeleke,

On Monday, September 23, 2019, Miles Pendleton of the National Panhellenic Council (NPHC) came before the University of Miami Student Government Supreme Court to present their opinion as to whether they should retain their Senate seat.

HELD: Pursuant to Article II, Section 2-4 of the Constitution of the University of Miami Student Government, the Supreme Court recommended that NPHC be granted Senate membership.

CHIEF JUSTICE MCGRATH delivered the opinion of the Court.

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CHIEF JUSTICE MCGRATH delivered the following opinion.

Article II, Section 2-4 of the University of Miami Student Government Constitution entails any undergraduate student organization a senate seat if the organization “demonstrates substantive need”. Furthermore, two condition must be met: (1) the organization “is a duly registered University Student Organization”, and (2) “receives funding from a mandatory fee source in the University.” The Court has determined that NPHC meets both requirements.

NPHC’s current Senator presented evidence that NPHC has a rich history on the University of Miami campus. Founded on campus in 1979, NPHC is made up of several historically black fraternities and sororities, often referred to as the “divine nine.” The represented contended that NPHC allows for unique and diverse voices on campus to be represented. He also noted that each of the fraternities and sororities under NPHC have many philanthropic pursuits on campus, and their members are highly involved leaders across campus. Further, Senator Pendleton testified that NPHC is in a position to grow on campus and increase representation. The Court finds that NPHC represents an important voice in Senate, thus should retain their Senate representation. Further, the Court believes that the diversity of Student Government is vital to the success of our organization.

HELD: After careful consideration, the Supreme Court believes that NPHC is a student organization that merits favorable recommendation to grant Senate membership.